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Title:	"CONFORMATIONAL ASSAYS TO DETECT BINDING TO MEMBRANE SPANNING, SIGNAL TRANSDUCING PROTEINS"

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 29, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Accordingly, since Gether et al. fails to teach each and every element as set forth in the claims, the cited reference fails to anticipate the claimed invention as presented in the Office Action. Moreover, Gether et al., also fails to teach or suggest labeling of membrane spanning, signal transducing proteins on or within the third intracellular domain while not labeling on or within the transmembrane domain.

In view of the above, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number STAN-213CIP.

Respectfully submitted,
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